

# CONFERENCE ENDS, DELEGATES LEAVE TO-DAY FOR HOME

Go by Way of Washington to Pay Visit to President Roosevelt.

## GLIMPSE OF SOUTH DID MUCH TO OPEN EYES

Satisfied Now That Problems Will Be Solved in Course of Time—Hearty Thanks for People of Richmond and Virginia—Final Scenes.

CLOSING with a burst of oratory, the final scene of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections was held last night when the new president of the organization, Dr. E. P. Bicknell, of Chicago, was inducted into office and the thanks of the body were formally expressed to the people of Richmond and Virginia for the royal entertainment of what was the most successful and interesting convention the organization has yet held.

Delegates from Maine and Kentucky and Indiana joined voices in thanks to Richmond for the splendid reception of the conference. The resolutions of the committee, endorsing the idea was expressed that no convention has done more to obliterate sectional lines, offering to visitors from the North and West more intimate acquaintance with Southern conditions and the people, while at the same time giving to the people of the South inspiration and faith and energy to meet the demands imposed on them by local conditions. Visitors manifested their surprise at finding in Virginia such institutions as have been visited and such careful management under competent leadership as has been exhibited. Mr. George L. Sehon, of Kentucky, said from the platform that many delegates had told him that since coming to Virginia they have become convinced that the future of the colored race is in safe hands, and that the South is meeting its problem courageously and kindly, a statement which brought general applause.

All the meetings of yesterday were well attended, the conference having maintained its interest and attention to the last, and the final session was a program in every detail. Much impulse has been given to local movements for social improvement, a meeting of several hundred Richmond people having been held yesterday afternoon to study the problem presented by the youthful criminal as almost daily exhibited in the city's Police Court.

The final session was largely given up to the consideration of the care and treatment of defectives, the children of feeble and undeveloped mind, mental energies need constant stimulation, many of whom may be expected to reach the full stature of even normal intelligence. Perhaps the highest note of the conference was reached in the address of the secretary, Mr. Alexander Johnson, than whom no one has more the respect and affection of the members. Mr. Johnson related personal recollections, showing his wide sympathies and real humanity, the pathetic instances illustrating the varying stages of mental development, and the affectionate regard of such little mist of humanity one for another.

Mr. Johnson swept his audience almost from tears to laughter by saying that he regretted the segregation of defectives in cellmate colonies, that they should have happy and peaceful lives, earning their own living under the supervision of the State, and having "everything we have in the out-of-door life and the honor of voting for the President."

It was following the discussion of the regular program of the evening that the report of the executive committee was presented, and the other business preparatory to an adjournment was transacted. Secretary Johnson reported for the executive committee six meetings during the year, the regular delegates and 184 visitors or special representatives. Forty-three States were represented, with the islands of Hawaii and the Kingdom of Sweden. The committee on resolutions announced, through its chairman, Dr. Brackett, a special resolution on the death of Mr. Luther M. Storer, of New York, Dr. J. K. McIlwain, of California; Mr. G. S. Robinson, of Iowa; Mr. A. D. Conover, of Wisconsin; and Mr. Samuel G. Smith, of Minnesota.

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### SUNDAY CIVIL BILL

As Reported to the Senate, It Carries \$118,000,000. May 13.—The sundry civil appropriation bill was reported to the Senate to-day. It carries \$118,000,000, an increase of \$11,000,000 over the bill reported by the House. The important increases in the bill are as follows: Public buildings, \$2,000,000, including \$3,000,000 for the purchase of a site for a new building in this city for the Departments of State, Justice and Commerce and Labor; revenue cutter service, \$14,500,000, of which \$287,000 is for new cutters and launches; \$50,000 to construct a national gallery of collection over the Smithsonian Institution; \$25,000 for the repair of "The Hermitage," Tenn., as recommended by President Roosevelt, for immigration stations; \$65,000 for improvement at Ellis Island; and \$250,000 for a new building at Boston; lighthouse service, \$1,251,650, of which more than one-half is to carry out the provisions of the omnibus lighthouse bill, passed by the present session; for Senate office building now under construction, \$1,508,261, which includes the furnishing of barracks and quarters for the artillery; \$150,000, which amount was struck out of the army appropriation bill. For the State Department, \$1,500,000 in addition is appropriated to be used for the payment of the expenses of participation by the United States in the international conference on the regulation of the fisheries convention between the United States and China; the northern fisheries arbitration and other international matters; \$1,000,000 for the construction of the canal and \$700,000 for the Alaska-Yukon Expedition.

### GET NO DEFINITE CLUES

Rings on Fingers Found in Ruins of Guinness Home Not Identified. LAFORTE, IND., May 13.—Little apparent clue to the mystery of the deaths thus far discovered on the farm of Mrs. Belle Guinness. While little has been ascertained as to whether or not anyone aided, killed the ten persons whose cadavers have been unearthed in the barn yard, there is still a possibility that the bodies were placed in the ruins of the burned farmhouse. It is not even definitely established that the woman's body is that of Mrs. Guinness.

A further attempt was made to-day to identify the rings found on the hands of the victims from the ruins of the Guinness home. Joseph O. Maxson, who was working on the place and was the first person to discover the bodies, showed the jewelry, but except for the ring of Mrs. Guinness, Lucy Sorenson, the younger of Mrs. Guinness's two daughters, he was unable to say that he had ever seen the various rings.

This ring is a plated affair with three small sets, a "pearl" flanked with diamonds. The diamonds show that it was purchased in London. Mrs. Guinness three days before the fire of April 25th. Maxson said that he had a brief glimpse of a wide ring or two of the general description of the band ring found on the charred woman's body yesterday. He was unable to identify the diamond rings.

A threatening letter came to Prosecuting Attorney Ralph N. Smith to-day. It was a brief, typewritten, signed communication, postmarked Brooklyn, and reading: "If you will search for Mrs. Guinness you'll be a dead man in two weeks. This applies to the sheriff, the chief of police and other officials." He has a brief glimpse of a wide ring or two of the general description of the band ring found on the charred woman's body yesterday. He was unable to identify the diamond rings.

The sudden tidal bore referred to in the above dispatch has previously been reported by cable. A dispatch from Seattle dated April 13th said that disastrous floods had occurred at Hankow, on the Yangtze River, in which 2,000 persons lost their lives. Several hundred junks were sunk or were wrecked. The water caught the people unexpectedly in the middle of the night and all avenues of escape were cut off.

### TEN THOUSAND DROWNED

Alarming Report Brought to Seattle of Recent Wave at Hankow. SEATTLE, WASH., May 13.—News of one of the greatest disasters that China has ever known, a sudden tidal bore in the Yangtze River, which caused the loss of nearly 10,000 lives at Hankow was brought by the steamer Tiankong which arrived last night. A bore 26 feet high flooded without warning down the river, sweeping away the junks, sampans and small boats and wrecking some large river steamers.

### WENT AS CABIN BOY

Member of Virginia Historical Society Enjoys Sea Trip. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BOSTON, MASS., May 13.—Edward Bracken, a member of the Virginia Historical Society, landed to-day at New Bedford from Dominick, W. I., after passage as cabin boy on the schooner, Frederick Rose, of this city. Mr. Denham was enthusiastic over his experience. "I had a fine time," he said, "and although it was my first voyage of any length, I was not once seasick, went simply for pleasure, and got it."

He was entered as cabin boy. As such in maritime law he was subject to the orders of the captain, in case a younger man than he. He might have been obliged to fetch the skippers coffee, and lay out his share of the provisions. But in this case did not exert his authority.

### HER BEAUTY CAUGHT JUDGE

He Appointed Guardian, Issued License, and She Married. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] STAMFORD, VA., May 13.—Miss Urcy, a young woman, came here from Portsmouth, O., to marry Stewart Grafton, a business man of Covington, Va., but being only twenty, had difficulty in securing a license. She stated that her parents were willing, and that in Ohio a person twenty years old can obtain a license, and she did not apprehend any trouble.

# BUSINESS MEN SEE GOOD TIMES AHEAD

Encouraging Note in Addresses at Opening of Three Conventions Yesterday.

## EXTENDING TRADE TO THE FAR EAST

Former Collector of Revenue in Philippine Islands Makes Plea for Free Relations Upon an Equitable Basis—Banquet at Jefferson To-Night.

ADMITTING the well-established fact that a panic during the recent financial depression was averted only by the efforts of the business organizations, President George P. Fucha, of the National Supply and Machinery Dealers' Association, declared at the joint session of the three conventions yesterday that men engaged in the same line of business should band themselves together for mutual protection, but without violating the spirit of fairness or the recognized principle of business ethics.

There were other notable addresses upon subjects which vitally concern manufacturers and their allied interests, but the statement which gave the most genuine satisfaction to everybody contained the comforting assurance that from all parts of the world, conditions are better, trade conditions and a general revival of industrial activity.

Met Separately in Morning. After meeting separately and in executive session in the morning, the Southern Supply and Machinery Dealers' Association, the National Supply and Machinery Dealers' Association and the American Supply and Machinery Manufacturers' Association, held an open joint session at the Jefferson auditorium yesterday afternoon, when the annual reports and addresses were presented. The speaker was called to Panama on an important mission, Secretary of War Taft was unable to fill his engagement, and Mr. John S. Ford, former collector of revenue in the Philippine Islands, came as his understudy and showed how American business men have been benefited by the trade relations with the Philippines. Last night there was a smoker and vaudeville entertainment, which was lacking in formality, but which was the most pleasant event of the opening day.

Banquet To-Day's Feature. At the morning session the three associations did little more than organize and appoint committees, the important work being deferred until to-day. They deliberate in executive session. There is a banquet to-night at every door, only the members being admitted. The subject of the banquet to-day is the extension of trade to the far east. At the banquet to-night two addresses on questions affecting the industry will be delivered. Mr. C. A. Moore, of New York, will speak on "Commercial Fraternity," and "The Benefits Derived From Trade Organizations." Mr. Robert Wuest, of Cincinnati, Mr. John Garland Pollard, of Richmond, will discuss "The Ladies."

The one regrettable incident yesterday was the absence of President C. H. Briggs, of the Southern branch, who is ill at his home in Dallas. His absence was regretted by the same organization were adopted on the death of Mr. George A. Smith, of Richmond, one of its founders, the joint session later in the day passing them by a rising and silent vote.

Importance of Organization. In the absence of President Briggs, Vice-President J. C. Miller, of Huntington, W. Va., presided at the joint meeting, although he had not had time to prepare an address. The Rev. Robert W. Forsyth, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, offered prayer, the convention sang "America," and then proceeded to business.

President Pucha, of the National Association, pointed to the increasing number of trade organizations, due to changed conditions which had brought them about. He said that such organizations did not exist in the past, and that they were necessary for the present conduct of business in our individual concerns," he said, "is it not equally essential in a larger sense. Our own government is recognizing the fact that such organizations are necessary for the present conduct of business in our individual concerns."

Many examples, showing the advantages of association and co-operation could be given, but just let me give you one. Little did we, when we met in Cincinnati a year ago, when we had 400 present from all over the United States, representing concerns whose aggregate ratings would count millions, and when all was prospering, that at this time we would be called upon to face a great depression in business. You are all familiar with the strained financial conditions recently experienced and the wholesome outcome. The result was accomplished by the Bankers' Associations and Clearing House Associations, and by the great land by co-operation with the one great object in view—to prevent a panic. It was only by this wonderful effective co-operation that a great panic was prevented. Such co-operation is also going on in other lines of business as well, and will undoubtedly reduce more effective than depression to the minimum.

"May this work go on with energy guided by wisdom, speeded on by good will and ever tempered by justice to all, adding materially to our happiness, our experience and our revenue."

Few Commercial Fatalities. President M. W. Mix, of the American Supply and Machinery Manufacturers' Association, which has the largest attendance here, was enthusiastically greeted by the convention. He is a young man, a type of the successful business man from the West. Expressing gratification at the large number of members in attendance, he said:

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# ROOSEVELT ROUTS SENATOR FORAKER

Champion of Negro Soldiers Who Shot up Brownsville is Humbled in the Dust.

## MOVES TO DELAY VOTE UNTIL NEXT SESSION

Democrats Led by Culberson, Clamor for Immediate Action, but Foraker, Lashed to the President's Chariot Wheels, Whines for Postponement.

THE most important change in the personnel of the faculty of the Union Theological Seminary since the removal of the institution from Hampden-Sidney to Richmond was made by the board of directors yesterday morning, when the Rev. Dr. Theron H. Rice, of Atlanta, Ga., one of the distinguished Presbyterian ministers of the country, was elected to the chair of English Bible and pastoral theology, and the resignation of Dr. C. S. Heraman from the chair of the New Testament language and literature was accepted.

Dr. Theron H. Rice, who for a number of years has held the professorship in the department to which Dr. Rice was chosen, was transferred to that lately held by Dr. Heraman. The retired professor was made professor emeritus in the department and proctor of the institution. The Rev. A. D. P. Gilmour was elected associate professor of the Hebrew language and literature.

Widely Known in South. Dr. Rice comes to his new duties sixteen years after his graduation from the seminary, and although he has held but two charges during that time, he has made for himself the reputation of being one of the strongest preachers in the Southern Presbyterian Church. Immediately after his graduation he took charge of the Presbyterian Church in Lexington, Va., and held that charge until he accepted the call to Atlanta. He possesses unusual gifts, both as a speaker and as an educator. During his sixteen years of pastoral work he has received numerous calls to churches and educational institutions. His election to the chair of English Bible and pastoral theology is a notable addition to the staff of the seminary and a corresponding loss to his congregation in Atlanta.

Retirement of Dr. Heraman. Dr. Heraman, who resigned because he has passed the age of active service, is the oldest member of the faculty. Long before the seminary was moved to Richmond he was a member. His election as professor emeritus and proctor of the institution shows in what esteem the board of directors hold him for his years of work. In future his duties will be light.

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### BAPTISTS ARE GATHERING

Delegates Pouring Into Hot Springs for Southern Convention. HOT SPRINGS, ARK., May 13.—Delegates are arriving at Hot Springs every train for the sixty-third annual convention of the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets here to-morrow. The convention proper holds its first session to-night, at which the delegates will be received by the officers and officers for the present session will be elected. Rev. Lansing Burrows, of Nashville, Tenn., in spoken of the session.

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# DR. RICE COMES TO UNION SEMINARY

Noted Presbyterian Minister of Atlanta Elected Professor by Directors

## IMPORTANT CHANGES MADE IN FACULTY

Dr. Hersman Retires and Dr. English Takes His Place—Rev. Mr. Gilmour Now Associate Professor—Closing Exercises Held Yesterday.

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### TORNADO IN LOUISIANA

Towns of Gilliam and Oil City Reported Destroyed. Any Lives Lost. ATLANTA, GA., May 13.—According to information received in this city, a tornado struck parts of Louisiana today, causing loss of life in Gilliam, Oil City and Bollinger.

Telegraphic communication is interrupted. Reports are that the storm started north of Shreveport, swept along to Little Rock, Texarkana and is centered to-night in Texas. It is reported that the town of Gilliam, La., a town of 200 inhabitants is wiped out, and that a number of lives have been lost. Oil City is also reported destroyed, with loss of life and a number of persons injured.

The dead at Bollinger: Mrs. Marshall Davis, two negroes. The injured: Mother of Mrs. Davis, probably fatally; Charles Idem and family of six persons; — Lincoln and wife. Among the buildings damaged is the mill of S. H. Bollinger & Co.

### MARRIAGE NOT MONEY

Counsel for Miss Hobart Tells Why Fullerton Was Arrested. YONKERS, N. Y., May 13.—Judge Joseph H. Beall, who represents Miss Gladys Hobart, the young lady who caused the arrest of Robert W. Fullerton, at Seattle, stated to-day that it was marriage, and not money, that his client's father would like to place his son behind prison bars, and I propose to fight this case through. If it takes me until the end of my life, I will do it. Fullerton promised to marry Miss Hobart," declared Judge Beall, "and we want him to keep that promise. At a conference with T. T. Fullerton, Sr., I informed him of this fact. He told me that he would rather see his son dead than marry a poor girl. He declared that his son told him he did not love Miss Hobart."

"We will see whether a rich man's son may cast off a poor girl at his pleasure without the penalty provided by law or whether justice will prevail over the man who has millions behind him. At the time of the conference with Mr. Fullerton, Sr., I made a solemn oath that I would try to place his son behind prison bars, and I propose to fight this case through. If it takes me until the end of my life, I will do it. Fullerton promised to marry Miss Hobart," declared Judge Beall, "and we want him to keep that promise. At a conference with T. T. Fullerton, Sr., I informed him of this fact. He told me that he would rather see his son dead than marry a poor girl. He declared that his son told him he did not love Miss Hobart."

### DR. CONWAY ENDS LIFE

Prominent Druggist of Buchanan, in Ill. Headed Offshoot of a Forensic Science. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BUCHANAN, ILL., May 13.—Dr. Geo. F. Conway, a prominent druggist of Buchanan, Ill., committed suicide this afternoon at 10 o'clock by firing a bullet into his brain. He lived only twenty minutes after firing the fatal shot. The cause for the rash act was ill health, his condition being pitiful in the extreme, having suffered intensely for the past six months with a tumor of the tongue. The pistol had been in his room during his entire illness, but it is not known how he secured it as he was not able to leave his bed.

Dr. Conway was about fifty-five years old and was married. He had a wife, who was Miss Nettie Burdett, of Lynchburg, and by four small children. Dr. Conway, of Norfolk, an only son, was a graduate of the University of Chicago and was expected here to-morrow.

### FOUR KILLED; THREE INJURED

Mine Workers Crushed by Falling Rock and Coal. VILKESBARRE, Pa., May 13.—A fall of rock and coal in the Prospect Colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company at Mable, near here to-day killed four men and injured three others. The dead are: MARTIN DEGLAU, 29 years old; PETER ZUNISKI, 30 years old; PAUL BOZENT, 31 years old. A trip of runaway cars jumped a track and the falling rock and coal killed the four men. The injured men were taken to the hospital. The cause for the rash act was ill health, his condition being pitiful in the extreme, having suffered intensely for the past six months with a tumor of the tongue. The pistol had been in his room during his entire illness, but it is not known how he secured it as he was not able to leave his bed.

### TAFT AND BRYAN

Governor Folk Says They Will Be the Opposing Candidates. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WAHINGTON, D. C., May 13.—Governor Joseph Folk of Missouri, who is here attending the Governors' conference at the White House, said to-night: "Bryan and Taft will be the Democratic and Republican nominees to the presidency. In my opinion the issue will be whether one class in this country shall continue to enjoy special privileges at the expense of all other classes. I believe Mr. Bryan will be elected."

### DUKE OF ABRUZZI IN ROME

Calls at the Quirinal for Conference With the King. ROME, May 13.—The Duke of the Abruzzi arrived here to-day from Naples. He will spend the night here and had a long conference with King Victor Emmanuel regarding his marriage to Miss Katherine Elkins, daughter of Senator Stephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia.

The duke later had luncheon with the King and the Queen, at which he visited the Dowager Queen Margherita and Princess Letitia. He will leave Rome to-night for Spezia.

### WOMAN BORN IN RICHMOND

NOW BUDDHIST MISSIONARY. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BOSTON, MASS., May 13.—Mrs. Mary Marcella Reber, a native of Richmond, where she spent her girlhood as Mary E. M. Rohrer, now a mine owner in Oregon, has come to Boston from her Western home as a Buddhist missionary. She has already made converts during her few days here, and confers with the Rev. Mr. G. W. Boatwright, of Richmond, Va.

### WILL PERFORM OPERATION ON COL. MOSBY TO-DAY

[From Our Regular Correspondent.] WASHINGTON, D. C., May 13.—Colonel John S. Mosby will undergo a surgical operation at the Garfield Hospital in this city to-morrow. The colonel has been in the hospital for some time, and his physicians do not apprehend any danger from the operation. Colonel Mosby has for some years occupied a position as assistant attorney in the Department of Justice.

### DECREASE IN FRENCH BIRTH RATE

PARIS, May 13.—The vital statistics for the year 1907 show a further marked decrease in the birth rate for France. The number of births has fallen from 1,000,000 to 714,000 a year. The reduction in the number of births last year was 35,000, as against an average of 10,000 in the preceding seven years. The deaths in France in 1907 totaled 738,000, 10,000 more than the total of births.

# WILL FORM BODY WITH PLANS FOR GOOD OF NATION

Conference of Governors Will Result in Permanent Organization to This End.

## PRESIDENT MAKES PLEA TO STOP THE WAIST

In Earnest Address, Mr. Roosevelt Points Out the Necessity for Conserving Our Natural Resources—Mr. Carnegie and Others Emphasize Need.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 13.—Two ideas destined to mark material progress in America's future resulted from the first of the three days' conference at the White House, at which President Roosevelt, the Governors of forty-four States, Cabinet officers, Supreme Court Justices, Senators, Representatives and experts are participating in efforts to reach conclusions on the best methods of conserving the natural resources of the United States. The first is that a permanent organization between the States and the nation is necessary, and will likely result from the present conference, to accomplish the end sought. The second, suggested by Secretary Root, is that there is no limitation by the Constitution to the agreements which may be made by the States, subjected to the approval of Congress.

The two ideas fully developed, it is predicted, will result in the conservation of the energies and resources of the nation through uniform and unconflicting laws, both national and State. The idea that the conference should be perpetuated, developed in the form of resolutions offered for later consideration by the present conference, North Carolina, and Governor Folk of Missouri. There were many others, but a parliamentary move to save time sent them to a committee for consideration. The day was crowded with interesting and important developments, and fraught with history-making possibilities.

A Notable Gathering. Forty-four Governors of sovereign States of the Union sat on gilded chairs in the historic East Room of the White House, and chatted from 10 to 11 o'clock this morning. Five hundred other persons taxed the capacity of the room.

They were Cabinet officers, Supreme Court Justices, Senators, Representatives, experts in all lines of industry. With a flourish of trumpets the President and Vice-President entered at 11 o'clock, and the conference, the first of its kind in the history of the nation, began. The setting for the scene was magnificent and impressive. The assemblage faced the east wall, which was made resplendent by a platform done in green plush, backed by two framed maps of the United States showing in colors its various resources. In the center of which was a device for the production of colored glass illustrations of the speeches, with a glare of natural resources, with on view. Seats of honor directly in front of these maps were occupied by members of the President's Cabinet and Justices of the Supreme Court. The President and Vice-President occupied high-backed green chairs on either side of the center.

The reception of the President was the first climax of the day. He entered the east room at 11 o'clock, as the Marine Band rendered the presidential honors. The Governors arose, and the President, in a short speech, welcomed them. The demonstration became tumultuous. Then followed a hush. The venerable Dr. Edward Everett Hale, chaplain of the Senate, read from the Scriptures the description of the fertility of the land, and promised the children of Israel, and followed it with a supplication for guidance in the present undertaking.

The President Speaks. President Roosevelt here began his explanation of the reason for the conference. He said that the nation had many times interrupted by applause, and when he finally reached his point of praise to the Inland Waterways Commission, and declared with characteristic vigor that should Congress neglect to perpetuate the work of the commission, he would "capture" the assemblage.

The Governors stood up and shouted, and Senators and Congressmen added a laugh to their applause, and general assent was given their sentiment. "The president said it," they cried. This conference on the conservation of natural resources is in effect a meeting of the representatives of all the people of the United States called to consider the weightiest problem now before the nation; and the occasion for the meeting lies in the fact that the natural resources of our country are in danger of exhaustion if we permit the old wasteful methods of exploiting the needs of the average citizen to continue. In a rude manner, there comes a steadily increasing growth of the amount demanded by this average man from the natural resources of the country. Yet, rather curiously, at the same time the average man is apt to lose his realization of this dependence upon nature.

Savages, and very primitive peoples generally, concern themselves only with superficial natural resources; with those which they obtain from the actual surface of the ground. As peoples become a little less primitive, their industries, although in a rude manner, are extended to resources below the surface; then, with what we call civilization and the extension of knowledge, more resources come into use, industries are multiplied, and foresight begins to become a necessary and prominent factor in the life. Crops are cultivated; animals are domesticated; and metals are mastered. Every step of the progress of mankind is marked by the discovery and use of natural resources previously unused. Without such progressive knowledge and the needs of the average citizen, our population could not grow nor resources of the country be conserved. (Continued on Third Page.)